

whole array of people from all of the islands of the Caribbean including Haitians. It is a wonderful mixture, and represents a part of America's rainbow.

I wish to congratulate Dr. Leo Casey who was the teacher and coach of the Clara Barton team. Thanks to Dr. Casey such a winning tradition at Clara Barton High School has been established. This clearly shows his talent for nurturing the academic achievements of the students. I also want to congratulate Mrs. Florence Smith, a former high school teacher, who served as the volunteer coordinator for my office. If Members want to talk about volunteer services in harmony with the great conference recently held in Philadelphia here is an example of the kind of volunteers that we have in America. There are committed people who retire and, in some cases, spend more time in volunteer activities after retirement than they did when they were working.

Congratulations to all the people who made it happen. In my congressional district, the Clara Barton High School team is sponsored not only by my office but by the Central Brooklyn Martin Luther King Commission. In fact, the money raised to first send this team to Albany and Washington, DC was gathered by the Central Brooklyn Martin Luther King Commission. There are some other organizations that have also become sponsors. Children's Times is a publication on education. Judge Thomas Jones and his wife have been very instrumental in encouraging the young people at Clara Barton High School and in raising money to make certain that they were able to go to Albany and Washington, DC. So it has become a group enterprise of great magnitude. It is one of those activities that we should see more of nationwide.

I salute the Clara Barton High School championship team from the 11th Congressional District of New York for their outstanding performance. I would also like to congratulate all the schools and all the youngsters across America who are champions in intellectual and academic activities.

#### TRIBUTE TO GENE MEYERS

#### HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 25, 1997*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, Mrs. ROUKEMA of New Jersey and I would like to call to your attention Gene Meyers of Hawthorne, New Jersey.

Gene is a lifelong resident of Hawthorne and graduated from Hawthorne High School. He is a founding member of the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce and was a catalyst in making it one of the largest Chambers in North Jersey. He served in many capacities with the Chamber of Commerce including President and has been integral in implementing the Chamber's goal of making Hawthorne a more vibrant community.

Gene has been President and CEO of Hawthorne Chevrolet for three decades. Hawthorne Chevrolet was founded by his uncle, Fred C. Meyers in 1927, and Gene built the company to be the success it is today. The company is one of the largest Chevrolet Dealerships in the State of New Jersey and ranks in the top 60 in the country. Gene has also

been the President and CEO of Paramus Auto Mall since 1995 and has served as President of the Tri-State Dealers Association, an association of Chevrolet dealers in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Gene further prioritizes community through his involvement with the Hawthorne Boys and Girls Club. He serves as a member of the Board of Directors and calls Bingo every Sunday night. Even though he has been successful, he has not forgotten what is important. Gene is President of the Hawthorne Republican Unit.

Gene and his wife Florence are the proud parents of Mark, Cindy, Steven, Ron and Scott, and they have three grandchildren, Steven, Michelle and Jamie.

Mr. Speaker, we ask that you join us, our colleagues, Gene's family and friends, and the Borough of Hawthorne in recognizing Gene Meyers' outstanding and invaluable service to the community.

#### DR. BETTY SHABAZZ

#### HON. BARBARA B. KENNELLY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 25, 1997*

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut. It is with great sadness that I mark the passage of one of our generations' remarkable women—Dr. Betty Shabazz. She first became known to us in tragedy, and she leaves us in tragedy. But in the 30 years between her husband's assassination and her own death, she led a life filled with family, friends, and achievement.

One of her daughters said she wanted to think of her mother's death as a transition. And that would be a good way to think of her life as well. She lived all the drama and change of her generation. We saw her transition from a young woman, mother of six little children, who had seen her husband murdered before her eyes to a universally admired speaker for social justice and civil rights. We came to know her as a respected professional in the fields of nursing, public health administration, and education. To those closest to her, she was mother, confidante, friend. But to many others, she was role model, trailblazer, and inspiration. America is richer for her life and her contributions, and she will be greatly missed.

The love Betty Shabazz bore her husband survived his death. The love she bore her children and their children will survive her death. I know I join with my colleagues in offering my deepest sympathy to her family.

#### CITYHOOD FOR CITRUS HEIGHTS

#### HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 25, 1997*

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention a very momentous occasion which will be taking place in my district. Next week, in recognition of a 12-year effort that went all the way to the United States Supreme Court, thousands of my constituents will join together to celebrate the recent incorporation of the City of Citrus Heights.

On November 5, 1996, by a vote of 62.5% to 37.5%, Cityhood for Citrus Heights was finally achieved. Its 14.2 miles and 88,000 residents makes it the largest city to incorporate in the State of California and the first new city in Sacramento County in half a century.

On that same day, the residents of Citrus Heights also elected five City Council members to represent them and carry forth the City's missing statement of commitment to providing high quality, economical, and responsive services to their community.

It gives me great pleasure today to recognize those inaugural Citrus Heights City Council members before the U.S. House of Representatives: Honorable William C. Hughes, Mayor, Honorable Roberta MacGlashan, Vice Mayor, Honorable Alma E. Kenyon, Council Member, Honorable Tim Raney, Council Member, and Honorable James C. Shelby, Council Member.

Ms. Speaker, you will also be interested to learn that Citrus Heights was first known in the 1850's as Sylvan and was settled by miners who raised livestock in the hills northeast of Sacramento. A real estate developer renamed the area of Citrus Heights in 1910 in an attempt to attract more settlers from the Midwest.

In 1859, Sylvan School was built and, in 1862, moved to Sylvan Corners. In 1928, the school building was renovated into a clubhouse and moved to a half-acre lot on Sylvan Road, where it currently stands and where Citrus Heights' time capsule will be buried later this month.

One of Citrus Heights' main streets, Greenback Lane, was a dirt wagon road in the 1860's and 1870's and received its name when the County paid landowners in "greenbacks" worth about 30 cents to the dollar.

Citrus Heights has one of Sacramento County's leading retail centers—Sunrise Mall—which is hosting the five-day celebration of Citrus Heights' incorporation. The "City Lights for Downtown Citrus Heights" grand celebration begins on July 1 with the "State of the City" celebration and culminates with "The Ball on the Mall" on July 5.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, the residents of the City of Citrus Heights and Sacramento County in celebrating Citrus Heights' long-awaited and well-deserved entry into "Cityhood."

#### TO RECOGNIZE THE INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER OF LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL INCORPORATED

#### HON. JOSEPH M. McDADE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 25, 1997*

Mr. McDADE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to invite my colleagues to join with me in supporting Little League Baseball by cosponsoring the resolution I have introduced to recognize the international character of Little League Baseball Incorporated.

In 1964, Little League Baseball was incorporated by the Congress in Public Law 88-378. The Little League Baseball incorporating legislation was approved unanimously in both the House and the Senate. It was signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson on July 16, 1964.